

cheeks. Thorax above punctate, with a median carina which is connected anteriorly with much abbreviated lateral carinae that converge toward the tegulae but which do not quite attain to the middle of the mesonotum; on each side of the middle carina is a blackish or dusky streak; the depressions on the outer side of the lateral carinae are also blackish, while there is also an oblique, dusky band just beyond and interstitial with them; scutellum with a triangular black spot at base; most of the cross-veins in the tegmina are black or piceous-black, while the longitudinal veins are interrupted with black marks. Legs and especially the femora sprinkled with black dots; anterior tibiae with the apical two-thirds of the channel and a spot near base, base of second tarsal joint and the last tarsal joint above black; middle tibiae with a spot in channel at base, another at apex and at middle beneath black; hind tibiae with a narrow annulus at base, another at the middle and the apex black. Abdomen immaculate; terminal ventral segment much longer than wide, at apex truncate; genital valves triangular, the plates lanceolate curving upwards.

Hab.—St. Nicholas, Florida.

Described from a single specimen taken on gall-berry bushes (*Ilex glabra*), by sweeping.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB.

14th April, 1899. The 20th meeting was held at 156 Brattle Street, Mr. J. W. Folsom in the chair.

The annual report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

Mr. S. H. Scudder read an article by Mr.

A. H. Kirkland on the abundance of *Cryptorhynchus lapathi* along portions of the seacoast of Massachusetts, and the injuries caused by this weevil, especially to the balm of Gilead poplar.

Mr. J. W. Folsom said that he had found it quite abundant in Cambridge, where it has often caused much damage to willows.

Mr. C. C. Adams showed specimens of the larva of *Oestrus ovis* taken from the skull of a sheep.

Mr. W. L. W. Field stated that he had recently been studying historically the cases of the occurrence of southern butterflies in New England, which he believed were due less to the fact that the species were actually extending their range of distribution northward than to the increase of collectors; this would account for the fact that such instances are more frequently noted in recent years.

He also spoke of the abundance in late years in southern New Hampshire of *Clisiocampa distria*, a species injurious to the sugar maple; and said that he had found living caterpillars of *Pieris rapae* in cabbages in January, some of which had apparently been feeding recently.

Mr. S. H. Scudder exhibited Charpentier's figure of *Eurycnema herculeana*, a Phasmid recently found to be parthenogenetic, von Brunn stating that a German merchant in Batavia had reared three successive generations from isolated females, all the progeny also being female, with the possible exception of a single malformed individual which died young.

Mr. J. W. Folsom showed specimens of *Periplaneta americana* received at Trenton, N. J., in bales of cocoa fibre from Manila.

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